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Financial Officer (USD(C)/CFO). Such costs include a reasonable charge for the provided education, books, supplies, room, board, transportation, and other miscellaneous items furnished at government expense. Excluded are the costs for cadet or midshipman pay and allowances in accordance with 37 U.S.C. 203, uniforms, military training, and support for nonacademic military operations.

Dependency. Any person for whom an individual has a legally recognized obligation to provide support, including but not limited to spouse and natural, adoptive, or stepchildren.

Disenrollment. The voluntary or involuntary termination of a cadet or midshipman from one of the academies.

Excess leave. Leave granted that exceeds accrued and advance leave and for which the Service member is not entitled to pay and allowances. Generally, a negative leave balance at the time of release from active military duty, discharge, first extension of an enlistment, desertion, or death shall be considered excess leave regardless of the authority under which the leave resulting in the negative balance was granted.

Hazing. Any unauthorized assumption of authority by a cadet or midshipman whereby another cadet or midshipman suffers or is exposed to any cruelty, indignity, humiliation, oppression, or the deprivation or abridgment of any right. The Secretaries of the Military Departments or academy superintendents may issue regulations that augment this definition to amplify or clarify local guidelines.

Honor code (concept). A prescribed standard of ethical behavior applicable to cadets or midshipmen, as determined by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned.

Military service obligation. A commitment of military service for a specified period of time.

§217.4 Policy.

It is DoD policy, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. chapters 403, 603, and 903 and consistent with this part, that:

(a) The academies provide, each year, newly commissioned officers to each Service that have been immersed in the history, traditions, and profes-

sional values of the Military Services and developed to be leaders of character, dedicated to a career of professional excellence in service to the Nation.

- (b) The accession of those officers generates a core group of innovative leaders capable of thinking critically who will exert positive peer influence to convey and sustain these traditions, attitudes, values, and beliefs essential to the long-term readiness and success of the Military Services.
- (c) Active duty service is the primary means of reimbursement for education.
- (d) Cadets and midshipmen disenrolling or those disenrolled after the beginning of the third academic year from a Service academy normally will be called to active duty in enlisted status, if fit for service.

§217.5 Responsibilities.

- (a) The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)):
- (1) Serves as the DoD focal point for matters affecting the academies.
- (2) Provides DoD oversight and management of the academies.
- (b) Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R), the ASD(M&RA):
- (1) Serves as the OUSD(P&R) focal point for matters affecting the academies and resolves matters of conflict that may arise among the Military Departments.
- (2) Assesses and monitors academy operations to ensure cost-effective employment of resources in the accomplishment of the academies' mission.
- (3) Develops policy and provides guidance for DoD oversight and management of the academies.
- (4) Develops overall DoD policy and provides guidance for the conduct and administration of a uniform academy disenrollment policy.
- (5) Approves or disapproves requests to exceed the foreign student limitation from a single country provision in §217.6(d)(2).
- (6) Approves or disapproves requests to release a cadet or midshipman prior to the completion of 2 years of active service.